

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 123

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Commander David J. Faulkner upon being named 2016 Legionnaire of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to a career military officer who continues to serve his fellow veterans with compassion, industry, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, David Faulkner, commander of Hilton Stone American Legion Post 279 in Woodbury, was unanimously selected 2016 Legionnaire of the Year; and

WHEREAS, through Commander Faulkner's innovative and dynamic leadership, Post 279 has become an example for other posts to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Commander Faulkner has done an outstanding job of bringing Post 279 to new heights by improving services to Cannon County's veterans, youth, and community; and

WHEREAS, during his command, Post 279 has received a major grant, sponsored five boys and four girls to attend the 2016 Boys State and Girls State programs, and expanded the oratorical program for high school students; and

WHEREAS, Commander Faulkner has assisted military veterans in Cannon County in expeditiously resolving veterans affairs issues and has worked to increase and enhance opportunities for fellowship and camaraderie by helping veterans find a place to employ their many talents in support of community service, outreach, and enhanced dedication to American values and responsibility throughout Cannon County; and

WHEREAS, David Faulkner, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army (Retired), served in the Army over twenty years, including combat tours in Southwest Asia, the Middle East, East Africa, and Eastern Europe; and

WHEREAS, Commander Faulkner is the founder and president of DMPI-LLC, a defense consulting firm; he is also an active member of First Baptist Church of Woodbury, clerk of the Salem Baptist Association, and an active participant in multiple community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, he is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Rene' Gentry Faulkner; their children, Emily, Rebekah, and Hannah; and their grandson, Braxton; and

WHEREAS, Commander Faulkner should be honored on this special occasion for inspiring veterans to help themselves by helping others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate David Faulkner, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army (Retired), upon being named 2016 Legionnaire of the Year, commend his service to his fellow veterans and community at large as commander of Hilton Stone American Legion Post 279, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.